

**SUPPORT AND PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 295 of 1982**

**552.605d Support order; provisions; assignment, redirection, or abatement of support payment; notice.**

Sec. 5d. (1) On and after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, each support order the court enters or modifies shall include substantially the following provisions:

(a) If a child for whom support is payable under the order is under the state's jurisdiction and is placed in foster care, support payable under the order is assigned to the department.

(b) For a friend of the court case, substantially the following statements:

(i) "The office of the friend of the court may consider the person legally responsible for the actual care, support, and maintenance of a child for whom support is ordered as the recipient of support for the child and may redirect support paid for that child to that recipient of support, subject to the procedures prescribed in section 5d of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605d."

(ii) "If the payer resides full-time with a child for whom support is payable under this order, support for that child abates in accordance with policies established by the state friend of the court bureau and subject to the procedures prescribed in section 5d of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.605d."

(2) If it is a friend of the court case, a support order that was entered before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section shall be considered to include, by operation of law, the provisions stated in subsection (1).

(3) If a child for whom support is payable under the order is under the state's jurisdiction and is placed in foster care, support payable under the order is assigned to the department. An assignment of support to the department as required by this subsection has priority over a redirection of support authorized by this section.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), for a friend of the court case, the office of the friend of the court may consider the person legally responsible for the actual care, support, and maintenance of a child for whom support is ordered as the recipient of support for the child and may redirect support paid for that child to that recipient of support. Subject to subsection (5), the office of the friend of the court shall abate support under a support order that is payable as support for a child who resides full-time with the payer, in accordance with policies established by the state friend of the court bureau.

(5) A party to a support order may object to redirection or abatement of support under this section. Support shall not be redirected or abated under this section until 21 days after the office of the friend of the court notifies each party of the proposed action, advising the party of the right to object. If a party objects within 21 days after the notification, support shall not be redirected or abated under this section. After an objection, the office of the friend of the court shall review the support order under section 17 of the friend of the court act, 1982 PA 294, MCL 522.517, or shall notify each party that the party may file a motion to modify support.

(6) The state friend of the court bureau may implement policies to assist offices of the friend of the court in determining when an office of the friend of the court should give notice of a proposed redirection or abatement of support under this section.

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